

Amendment No. 1 to HB0069

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 118*

House Bill No. 69

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section to be appropriately designated:

Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, the commissioner of finance and administration is directed to submit to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services, if the commissioner determines it is in the best interest of the state, a waiver amendment to the existing TennCare II waiver or to submit a new waiver in order to provide medical assistance to the TennCare II waiver population and to secure medical assistance eligibility in this state to persons meeting federal eligibility guidelines by means of a block or per capita grant, utilizing a change in applicable federal law, or other approach utilizing regulatory flexibility provided by the federal government within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of this section, and, if approved, implement the waiver amendment or waiver. If the waiver is by means of a block or per capita grant, the grant authorized by this section shall convert the federal share of all medical assistance funding for this state into an allotment that is tailored to meet the needs of this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.